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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, SN

SUBJ: PROPOSED ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ASEAN AND U.S.

REFS: A. SINGAPORE 0206; B. SINGAPORE 0112

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG APPROACHED ME JULY 22 DURING SOCIAL EVENT AND REFERRED TO USG PROPOSAL TO ASEAN GOVERNMENTS LAST JANUARY INDICATING U.S. INTEREST IN ASEAN-U.S. ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. TAN SAID HE WAS QUITE SURE INDONESIANS WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH SUCH CONSULTATIONS, AND ADDED THAT IF USG WERE TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN ASEAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD WELCOME IT.

2. TAN RECALLED THAT HE HAD ADVISED ME LAST JANUARY (REF A) THAT THE PROPER CHANNEL FOR SUCH AN APPROACH WAS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE. HE NOTED THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAD SHIFTED ITS VENUE TO MANILA, AND THAT ANY APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE THERE.

3. COMMENT: TAN HAS JUST RETURNED FROM WELLINGTON WHERE HE REPRESENTED GOS AT NEW ZEALAND-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HIS COMMENTS REFLECT PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS HE HAD THERE WITH HIS ASEAN COLLEAGUES. GRANT

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